GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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Information of Weather Condition to Tourists
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide information about the weather forecast of the tourist places in coordination with the Meteorological Department of India; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences has informed that it provides weather forecast on its website for 325 cities. These cities include 106 tourist destinations across the country for which 7-day forecast is being issued twice a day. In addition, the weather forecasts to tourists, is also provided on toll free number 1800 180 1717 through Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS).

IMD has also developed a mobile App called "Indian Weather" by which initially, current weather and 4-days forecast for app 300 cities is being provided.

IMD also issues special forecasts for pilgrim/tourist destinations across the country with a focussed effort for Himalayan region and Severe Weather Warnings through various schemes. Highway forecasts have also been started by IMD in the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
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